

## REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Claims 54 and 57 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 54, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on the grounds of anticipation by Mariant et al. Claim 54 has been amended to recite "said vasoocclusive coil being formed from a plurality of twisted strands." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 12-19, and in Figs. 6-8. It is respectfully submitted that Mariant et al. does not teach, disclose or suggest a vasoocclusive coil formed from a plurality of twisted strands, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 54, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 are novel and inventive over Mariant et al., and that the rejection of Claims 54, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 on the grounds of anticipation by Mariant et al. should be withdrawn.

Claims 59 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Mariant et al. in view of Wallace '329, which was cited as teaching that the helical loop diameter may be about 2 mm. Claims 59 and 60 depend from Claim 54, and it is respectfully submitted that Mariant et al. and Wallace '329 do not teach, disclose or suggest a vasoocclusive coil formed from a plurality of twisted strands, as is recited in Claim 54. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 59 and 60 are novel and inventive over Mariant et al. and Wallace '329, either separately or together, and that the rejection of Claims 59 and 60 on the grounds of obviousness from Mariant et al. in view of Wallace '329 should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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